

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
In re application of: RASHTCHIAN, A., <i>et al</i>	Confirmation No.: 7736
Appl. No. 09/741,664	Art Unit: 1634
Filed: December 21, 2000	Examiner: Sitton, J.S.
For: <b>Stable Compositions For Nucleic Acid Amplification And Sequencing</b>	Atty. Docket: 152.3 CON

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated **April 16, 2007**, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks for the above-captioned application. Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE-Form PTO/SB/30EFS) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. It is believed that consideration of the Amendment and Remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as this submission is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the Amendments and Remarks are provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:

- in ascending order;
- with status identifiers; and
- with markings in the currently amended claims;

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided with this electronic filing. However, if additional fees are due, or if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees that are required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.